

THE  
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AND  
PROTESTATION,  
Of the  
GENTRY,

AND  
COMMONALTY  
OF THE COUNTIES

OF  
*Buckingham, & Hartford,  
Bedford, & Cambridge.*

Shewing the reasons why they  
take up Armes, and their Resoluti-  
ons thereupon.

Tendered by them at their meeting  
with the Parliaments Forces, to the  
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The Remonstrance and Protestation  
of the Gentry & Commonalty  
of the Counties of Buckingham,  
Bedford, Hartford, and Cam-  
bridge, shewing the reasons  
why they take up Armes, and their re-  
solutions thereupon.

**I**T is notoriously knowne  
to all men how great the  
violence, oppressions, plun-  
derings, and insolencies  
are that those wicked men, Forrei-  
ners, Malignants, Papists and Trai-  
tors, who call themselves the Kings  
Army, have and doe daily exercise



(2.)

upon the people of this Kingdom,  
borne to the liberty and fruition of  
their owne Lawes; and that Commis-  
sions for raising of more Forces are  
daily issued to known Papists, whereby  
not only our Religion is in imminent  
danger to be altered to Popery, and  
all our iust priviledges overthrowne,  
but our wives ravished, our children  
murdered, and our estates absolutely  
ruined; and His Majesty, who ought  
in his duty to God and his Country to  
be the Father of his people, is now  
made the protector of the blasphemous  
and impious Crew, and of all their  
bloody and horrid actions, witnesse  
that cruell slaughter of his owne sub-  
jects at Braintford, even during a  
Treaty.

We therefore (of a true sense of  
the

the Kingdoms and our own dangers)  
 have associated our selves, and taken  
 up Armes, with full resolution to pro-  
 secute the enemies of our Religion and  
 Country, and do hereby solemnly pro-  
 test and covenant before God, and  
 one with another, that we will willing-  
 ly and resolutely sacrifice our lives in  
 this religious and just quarrell, and  
 that wee will never lay downe these  
 Armes, till this which is called the  
 Kings Army be dissolved, and till  
 the principall advisers, actors and fo-  
 menters in these our heauey calami-  
 ties, such as are that blasphemous and  
 plundering Prince Rupert be bani-  
 shed, and the Earle of Bristol, the  
 Lord Digby, Master Pierce,  
 Wilmot, Oneale, and Master  
 Endymion Porter the illegall  
 Keeper

Keeper of the great Seale, and Cul-  
 peper, and those notorious Papists  
 commanding in that Army, bee  
 brought or left to a due course of ju-  
 •stice, unlesse we shall be commanded  
 by both Houses of Parliament to the  
 contrary, which wee hope wee never  
 shall.

And whereas there are divers of  
 the Scottish Nation, who beare of-  
 fice in that Army, against whom wee  
 ought to expect justice; mee (out of  
 that brotherly affection wee beare to  
 that Nation) doe leave them to  
 their just summons and censure, con-  
 ceiving that Kingdome bound there-  
 unto by that neere tye of Religion and  
 Friendship with us, and by the Trea-  
 ty lately so happily concluded betwixt  
 us.

Lastly,



(5.)

*Lastly, we doe invite all our fellow Subjects of this Kingdome, as having an equall share with us in the happinesse or calamities thereof, to take Armes upon the same necessary grounds, and to enter with us into the same Covenant, conjuring them by their zeale to the glory of God, their affection to the honour and prosperitie of their native Country, by their loves to their wives, children, estates and liberties, to continue with us upon our just defence, till these calamities bee redressed, whereby we may all expect the blessing of God upon us and our posterity.*

FINIS.